

**MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
GRIFFIN ROOM, TOWN HALL
MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2017
6:30 P.M.**

APPROVED

SELECTMEN PRESENT: Brown, Hughes, LaMantia, MacAskill

OTHERS PRESENT: Town Administrator Christopher Clark, Peter DeBakker, Richard Waystack, Laura Kelley, Cyndi Williams, Leo Cakounes, and others.

Chairman MacAskill reported that the Board had just come out of Executive Session where they discussed strategy with respect to collective bargaining and the Town Administrator's performance evaluation and no votes were taken.

PUBLIC COMMENT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cyndi Williams announced the upcoming Chamber event for the Toast of Harwich.

Peter DeBakker reported on an upcoming public hearing, Channel 18 telecast and newspaper article on wastewater.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve Minutes
 - 1. March 20, 2017 Executive Session
- B. Confirm committee appointments as recommended:

Appointee:	Committee:	Expiration:
Carol Porter	Real Estate and Open Space	2018
Courtney West	Cultural Council	2019
- C. Confirm appointment of Michael Serijan to the position of Office Assistant in the Golf Department
- D. Approve application for a change of manager for The Belmont Beach Club liquor license

Ms. Brown moved approval of the Consent Agenda. Mr. Hughes seconded the motion and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. POCCA Cape Cod update on Eversouce Yearly Operational Plan (YOP) submitted to MDAR – Laura Kelley

Chairman MacAskill noted that this item is for discussion only and they do not plan on taking any action tonight as it was late material. Ms. Kelly said they are trying to lessen the impact of chemical use above our aquifer and noted that if it is contaminated we have no other source of drinking water. She stated that there are other ways to control vegetation. She asked that a letter to be sent to MDAR upon approval of the 2017 Yearly Operational Plan saying that they disapprove of this moving forward in our Town and also write to say that they wish to be considered an aggrieved party and request to be on the adjudicatory hearing. She took questions from the Board. Mr. Hughes recommended getting input from cranberry growers. Chairman MacAskill said he didn't believe we have ever done any test levels. Ms. Kelley said that it is expensive and there are many levels to the soil. She also noted that the time to do it

is right after the spraying. Mr. Clark noted that three years ago the Water Department tested their well which was closest to the spraying fairly immediately after the spraying was done and the testing came back with no trace elements of those chemicals. Mr. Cakounes, spoke as a certified organic cranberry grower, and discussed alternative methods for keeping weeds down and stressed that it is very difficult to control weeds without using chemicals. He noted that he is a licensed pesticide applicator and can use the chemicals discussed as a commercial applicator. He asked the Board not to support this and stated that he feels the products they use are acceptable. He took questions from Board. Attorney Bruce Taub said he does not take a position on the efficacy of the toxins but rather was hired to stop them. He described his efforts to date on this issue and discussed environmental data. No action was taken on this item. Ms. Kelley asked to be on the agenda in two weeks.

B. Selectmen's assignment of Articles

Chairman MacAskill noted that he has assigned articles to the Board members and asked if anyone has a particular interest in an article to please let him know and he will make adjustments.

C. One Liners Update

No action was taken on this item.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

A. 35 Chatham Road update

Mr. Clark said he has met with several neighbors on this issue to listen to their concerns and went to see the site himself. He said he believes there are some issues with a potentially commercial operation operating in a residential area and he is looking at making sure they are operating in a legally appropriate manner. He said there is active litigation underway, the Conservation decision was appealed and DEP is coming out on Wednesday to do a site visit.

B. TD Bank Parking Lot

Mr. Clark reported that we received a letter from the neighbors as the gate had inadvertently been left open for some period of time and that has been remedied. He added that as the agreement calls for the area to be aesthetically pleasing, the Town Planner thought that some plantings in front of the posts by the fence would be appropriate and has reached out to the Garden Club.

C. Jay Z Drive update

Mr. Clark reported that the Town has issued an enforcement letter as access to Jay Z Drive has not been maintained.

Mr. Clark further reported on the upcoming tax title auction, a letter of commendation to the Assessor's office, the high deductible health insurance offering, and that his Chief Procurement Officer certification has been renewed.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Mr. Hughes reported that Chatham Selectmen voted 4-1 to support the Wastewater Inter-Municipal Agreement.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Hughes moved to adjourn at 7:38 p.m. Mr. LaMantia seconded the motion and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Steidel
Recording Secretary

Related Documents - April 3, 2017 BOS Meeting

- 01 Agenda.pdf
- 02 Committee Appointments.pdf
- 03 Golf Office Assistant Appointment.pdf
- 04 Belmont Beach Club Liq Lic.pdf
- 05 Eversource Yearly Operational Plan update.pdf
- 06 BOS Assignment of Articles.pdf
- 07 TA Report - TD Bank Parking Lot.pdf